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Attention: Ms. Patti Raino

RE: FY-2006 STIP Amendment #6

Dear Mr. Ekern:

Your April 26, 2006 letter requested FHWA approval of STIP Amendment #6 providing for the addition of a safety rail project and seven (7) Scenic Byways Program projects. Because the affected projects are not intermodal in nature and do not affect the state's conformity process, FHWA has sole approval authority for this requested action.

I concur that the projects may be grouped per 23 CFR 450.216(b) and that, therefore, no additional project selection or public involvement action will be required.

I concur that the proposed changes are either outside of air quality non-attainment areas and/or qualify as exempt activities under the conformity regulations and, in either case, will not trigger compliance with any provisions of EPA's conformity regulations (ref. 40 CFR Part 93).

I find that the proposed amendment is based on a planning process that substantially meets the requirements of Title 23, U.S.C., the Federal Transit Act and 23 CFR 450. I, therefore, approve Amendment #6 as submitted.

Sincerely,

(Original Signed by Scott Frey)

R. Scott Frey  
Transportation Engineer

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Attention: Scott Frey

SUBJECT: FY 2006-2010 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)  
Amendment # 6

Dear Mr. Moreno:

Please approve STIP amendment #6 to add a safety rail project and seven (7) FHWA awarded scenic byway discretionary projects to the FY 2006 STIP as approved at the April 2006 Idaho Transportation Board meeting. The additions are:

- Key # 05724, **West 19<sup>th</sup> Street Railroad Crossing, Idaho Falls** was a FY 2005 project that did not get obligated and needs to be placed into the current STIP.
- Key # 09685, Payette River National SB CMP Implementation
- Key # 09684, Pend Oreille National SB CMP Implementation
- Key # 09686, NW Passage National SB CMP Implementation
- Key # 10447, Idaho Byways Promotion
- Key # 10448, NW Passage Auto Tour CD
- Key # 10449, Stanley Community Building Renovation
- Key # 10447, Idaho Byways Promotion
- Key # 10450, Western Heritage Historic Byway Signage

Under 23 CFR 450.324 (i) the projects are all eligible for grouped status. No additional project selection or public involvement action is required. There is no air quality implication for these actions and no air quality conformity is required. ITD certifies that the above project actions are in accordance with Section 450.220 of the Statewide Planning regulations. The STIP remains fiscally constrained and consistent with the 2004 Statewide Transportation Plan.

If you have any questions about these actions contact Patti Raino, Intermodal Planning Manager.

Sincerely,

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Deputy Director/Transportation Planning and Programming Administrator

cc: R.F. Krochalis, Regional administrator, FTA